(b) The export quota of 7.27 lakh bales and 3.70 lakh bales has been allotted to CCI and cotton federation of Maharashtra respectively during the current cotton season so far.

(c) The global demand for imports has been projected at 5.84 million metric tonnes during the current cotton season.

(d) Share of India in International Cotton Trade during the year 1992-93 has been estimated at 6 to 7 per cent.

Package from Handloom Weavers

1025. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have announced a massive Rs. 1321.20 crore package of new schemes for the handloom weavers;

(b) if so, what is the compensation amount proposed to be given to weavers who are suffering losses recently in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(c) what is the left out balance for handloom development centres to be opened during the year 1993-94 as compared to amount spent for the Weavers Scheme etc. in 1992-93 for the weavers in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Government has announced recently a new Health Package Scheme. Ministry of Textiles has also taken up with Ministry of Rural Development for larger attention to hand-loom weavers from out of its ongoing Schemes.

(b) To assist handloom weavers affected by the recent communal riots, Government has announced a package for assistance for worksheds, supply of looms and accessories and margin money for working capital.

(c) During 1992-93 the following amounts have been sanctioned for assisting the handloom sector under plan and non-plan schemes to the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa based on proposals received from the State Governments :—

(Rs. In lakhs)

Gujarat : 174.03 Orissa : 1115.98 Rajasthan : 177.10

Releases during 1993-94 will depend on the State Governments who are to submit viable proposals as per the approved norms.

Supply of Yarn under Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme

1026. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the steps taken to implement the Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme after the Supreme Court has upheld this scheme;

(b) what is the quantum of yarn necessary for handlooms in a year; and

(c) what quantum of the yarn requirements of handloom sector will be met by the supply of yarn under the Scheme of Statutory Hank Yarn Obligation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) After the recent Supreme Court judgement upholding the Hank Yarn Obligation Order, steps have been initiated for vacation] dismissal of Stay Orders and Writ Petitions pending in various High Courts.

(b) The requirement of Hank Yarn by the Handloom industry is at present estimated to be about 400 million Kgs per annum.

(c) The requirement of hank yarn of Handloom sector is likely to be fully met by the supply of yarn under the scheme of statutory hank yarn obligation.

Modification of Textile Policy in view of Handloom Reservation Act.

1027. SHRI J.P. JAVALI :
SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be peased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3567 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 22 items of textiles and some categories are ex clusively reserved for Handloom sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof items-wise:

(c) whether a stay by the Supreme j Court on the above policy was vacated recently, and if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a re-thinking by the Government on its Textile Policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement of 22 items reserved for production in handloom sector is attached (see below).

(c) In its Judgment of 5-2-1993, the Supreme Court has dismissed the Writ Petitions challenging the validity of the Handloom Reservation Act and the Orders issued thereunder.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Sl. No.	Item	Range of Items reserved for Production by Handlooms
1	2	3
1.	Saree	Sarees with woven borders or headings and with extra warp or extra weft anywhere in the fabric except those made from 100% synthetic fibres and those made with more than 45% by weight of man made fibres).
2.	Kotah Doria Saree	These sarees having corded effect in stripe of check pattern made of cotton or with cotton as one of the major component in the blend/union.
3.	Tie & Dye Saree and Material.	All Tie & Dye Saree and material.
4.	Dhoti . . .	Dhoties with woven borders with extra warp in the border (except those made from 100% synthetic fibres and those made with more than 45% by weight of man-made fibres)